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This Week at EPA

....Keeping You in the Loop

happening this week

R8 Veterans Special Emphasis Program (VSEP) kick-off meeting (5/23/16). Your regional VSEP managers are hosting a brownbag event in the Bison room from 11 am – noon to discuss the new VSEP. Everyone is encouraged to attend and bring their lunch. Light refreshments will be provided. See the [VSEP 8net page](#) for more information or contact Alan Engels at 312-6306 or Christine Vigil at 312-6992.

PeoplePlus early close out for Memorial Day Holiday. Prior pay period corrected time cards need to be attested and submitted by close of business Monday, May 23rd, and approved by close of business Tuesday, May 24th. Time cards need to be attested and submitted by close of business Wednesday, May 25th, and approved by close of business Thursday, May 26th.

Asian American Pacific Islander Special Emphasis Program Event (5/25/16). You're invited to a presentation by Dr. Daryl Maeda, Associate Professor and Chair of the

Department of Ethnic Studies at CU Boulder. Dr. Maeda will be speaking about how the term “Asian American” came to encompass a multitude of ethnic groups from different nations, the relationships among Asian ethnic groups, and the relationships between Asian Americans and other ethnic groups in the United States. From noon-1 pm in the conference center, food samples will be provided.

Health and Safety training for Supervisors (5/25/16). Health and Safety along with HR will be holding a one-hour supervisory health and safety training starting at 10:30 am. The training will cover the required health and safety responsibilities and the workers compensation process for all supervisors. If you are a supervisor and have not taken this quick training please contact Jason Nakatsu at 312-6862 to sign up. Thank you.



Deadline for R8 Internal Awards nominations (5/31/16). [Click here](#) for awards categories, criteria and the nomination form.

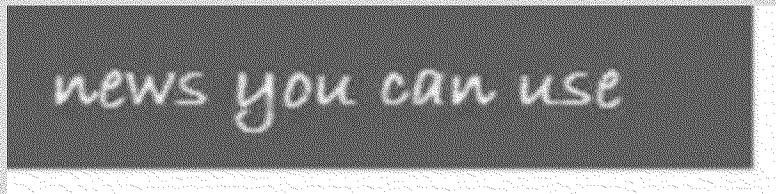
LGBT Pride Month Presentation: Parents of Transgender Youth (6/2/16). Please join us from Noon to 1:00 pm in the conference center to hear Karen Adams, Founder of Trans-Youth Education and Support (TYES) speak to us about her experience raising a transgender daughter. TYES of Colorado’s mission is to “empower and support families and caregivers of gender expansive youth by providing resources, education, outreach, and advocacy, in order to create supportive environments that allow youth to experience the joy of authenticity.” A rainbow of snacks will be provided. [Click here](#) for more details.

Kelcey Land is retiring. On 6/2/16 from 4-7 pm there will be beverages, appetizers and cake at the Janik’s loft in LoDo (1628 14th Street, Unit 4B). RSVP to Aaron Urdiales at 312-6844. Contact Sharon Abendschan at 312-6957 about cards/gifts.

Sign Up Now for FranklinCovey’s Building Process Excellence training (6/14/16). Discover the 6 building blocks to approach improving a process through FranklinCovey’s Leadership Modular Series. The FranklinCovey approach of: Identification, Task Listing,

Mapping, Measurement, Evaluation, and finally Improvement is a practical means to tackle any process that you know you could make better. The training exercises are crafted for EPA and arranged to directly apply to individual systems at your desk or within your teams. You will learn to design a focus around your core work and apply improvements that maximize the value of a system you work in, while developing solutions for reducing non-value actions. Open to all Region 8 employees, please enroll on the Talent Management System by searching “Process Excellence”, or call Nobe Hattori (312-6303) for registration help.

LGBT Pride Month Book Discussion (6/29/16). An inspiring true story of a transgender girl, her identical twin brother, and an ordinary American family’s extraordinary journey to understand, nurture, and celebrate the uniqueness in us all. Pick up a copy of *Becoming Nicole*, by Amy Ellis Nutt today and join us for a brownbag discussion from 12:30 – 1:30 pm in the conference center. You are encouraged to bring your lunch. A rainbow of snacks will also be provided. [Click here](#) for more details.



EVS Update: As of May 23, Region 8 has widened the gap at 62.9% participation. Go to the Agency’s EVS site to see data on EPA’s overall completion rates (updated as of May 23). Look for your email from EVEP@opm.gov to share your feedback and help Region 8 become a model workplace. Survey closes June 7th, [click here](#) for more details on the EVS.

Help Wanted. R8 needs a volunteer to organize Bike to Work Day – help us keep the competition alive! If interested, please call Sarah Teschner ASAP at 312-7056.

Darion Turner has joined Region 8 as an Auditor in the Financial Management Unit. Darion comes to us from the U.S. Army where he served eight years as an Infantry Officer and a Human Resource Manager. He is a graduate of Webster University and earned his Masters of Business Administration. He is excited to find a home within another

federal institution (EPA) and to contribute to the mission of the Agency.

PROCESS FOR SUBMITTING INTERNAL COMMUNICATION REQUESTS: *Requests for postings to the 8net, This Week at EPA, lobby monitor and voicemail broadcasts, must be submitted via a webform located on the Internal Communications 8net page. If you have any questions, call Whitney Trulove at 312-6099.*